

**REMARKS**

*The Pending Claims*

In the application, claims 5 through 7 are pending. No claims currently stand allowed.

*Summary of the Office Action*

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, the Office Action dated November 4, 2003, requires an election of one of two restriction groups. The Office Action groups claims 1 through 4 into Group I and claims 5 through 7 into Group II.

*Discussion of Restriction Requirement*

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2001, which sets forth a two-way restriction requirement, applicants elect the invention of group II (claims 5-7) for further prosecution. Accordingly, the claims of group I (claims 1-4) have been canceled without prejudice in this application, and are the subject of a recently filed divisional application.

*Conclusion*

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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